Yankee Air MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! MARCH 2011

Tuskegee Airmen Movie Night

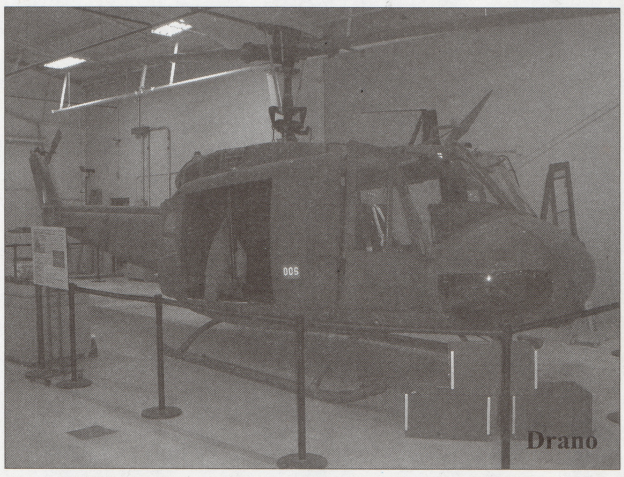
The Tuskegee Airmen presentation on February 2nd was snowed out, but the movie night attendance on February 12th was near capacity. It was a pleasure to have these gentlemen, who are really a National Treasure, and an inspiration to us all, come to our Museum and relate some of their unique experiences. Yankee has and will continue to cooperate with The Tuskegee Airmen to help tell their incredible story of patriotism, sacrifice and perseverance. We are all in their debt. *Photos Rand Bitter*

If you missed them at movie night, see their display at Yankee's Memorial Day Commemoration.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

BOMBER BUFFING - April 9th
ITALIAN BISTRO - April 30th
HUEY HAPPENINGS - April 6th membership meeting and a special fundraiser for the Huey exhibit, May 21st
MOVIE NIGHTS & MAHS
MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

See more about these events and many others - ON THE HORIZON page 15, or on the web site.



BOMBER BUFFING APRIL 9TH - DETAILS ON WEB & APR HH

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

2-3 March 1943	US and Australian planes decimate 16-ship Japanese convoy in ***Battle of Bismark Sea***, SW Pacific
3 March 1931	***Star Spangled Banner*** becomes US National Anthem
4 March 1966	F-4C Phantoms attacked by MiG-17 in first **air-to-air combat** over North Vietnam
4-9 March 1944	***Merrill's Marauders*** capture Walawbum, Burma
6 March 1943	***First flight*** of B-24ST (single tail), later evolved as the XB-24K
8 March 1991	First US troops return from ***Operation Desert Storm***
9-10 March 1945	334 B-29s of XXI Bomber Command hit Japanese cities in massive ***firebomb raids***
10 March 1943	***14th Air Force*** activated under command of Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault
18 March 1945	More than 1,200 bombers and 670 fighters raid Berlin with ***heaviest attack*** of the war
18 March 1954	Boeing produces first ***B-52A***
19 March 1944	***460th BG*** (15th AF) flew its first combat mission from bases in Italy
21 March 1941	US Army Air Corps 99th Pursuit Squadron ***Tuskegee Airmen*** activated

February membership meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm

To contact Hangar Happening's
E-mail: **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org**
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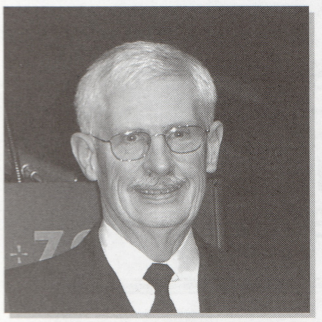
APRIL 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS APRIL 8TH
BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS APRIL 1ST OR BEFORE



Executive Director Report- Randy Hotton

This month's Executive Director Report comes following our January annual Off-site meeting, which was held on-site this year. At this meeting we reaffirmed our long-term goals for the museum's success. The staff met on Saturday January 22nd, 2011 to discuss priorities for the coming year 2011. After an all day discussion the staff elected to make these the priorities our goals for Yankee Air Museum during 2011.

A goal without a measurable completion date does little to enhance our museum; therefore completion dates have been set for each of the goals and sub-goals. Commitment to opening our hangar as soon as possible remains our #1 goal, but there is little that the YAM staff can do to move that process forward. It is in the very capable hands of the Michigan Aerospace foundation.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience

o Add four enhanced displays at the rate of one per quarter to attract visitors and make their experience better. This means new or enhanced displays on Mar 31, Jun 30, Sep 30 and Dec 31

o Further define our message of who we are and where we are going. Each display will tie into our future museum plans.

Increase retail sales, room rental, visitor count, and simulator rental by 100% by year's end.

2. Hire a Development Director no later than April 30th

3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce

o Hangar Happenings on-line No Later Than (NLT) March 31st

o Social Media (Facebook) up and running NLT April 30th

o Master email list to include all applicable email lists available to the Yankee Air Museum to be used for email blasts NLT May 31st

o Ability to join Yankee Air Museum by filling out Membership Form and paying on-line NLT Jun 30th

o Establish an on-line link for Volunteer sign up and scheduling NLT Sept 30th

o Set up on-line donation site for both YAM and MAF NLT Oct 31st

o Flush out web site Map one area per month NLT than Nov 30th

Double hits on Web Site NLT Dec 31st.

4. Define Marketing and Public Relations roles

o Define roles, person responsible, process for input and execution, this will be put into the YAM policy manual NLT May 31st

◊ Marketing
◊ Public Relations
◊ Publicity
◊ Promotion
◊ Press Releases

Define budget sources for various Marketing functions NLT Jun30th

The staff set the following as sub-goals for the Museum without completion dates.

o Communications
Better Communications information from Executive Director on Museum goals and progress
Executive Director and Chairman of the Board Thanks You letters or emails to all new members & renewals

o Membership - creative ways to retain and gain membership

o Develop Membership Directory

o Work toward goal of 3500 members for 2011

o Establish a "Flex Friends" program for involvement of Flex riders short of membership

o Return on Investment (ROI)

o All projects must be reviewed by Executive Director under the guidance of the Board of Directors to determine if the projects fit the goal of the Museum

o The board will appoint a member to be the board contact to determine if the project meets YAM long term goals

o Does this project fit with our central theme?

o Is the project a money pit that absorbs scarce resources with little possibility of future revenue generation?

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
Presents the 6th Annual

"Italian Bistro Night"

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Yankee Air Museum

Collections and Exhibits Bldg.

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Tickets: $25.00 in Advance (Members)

$30.00 in Advance (Non-Members)

($30.00 at the Door for everyone)

Available at Yankee Air Museum

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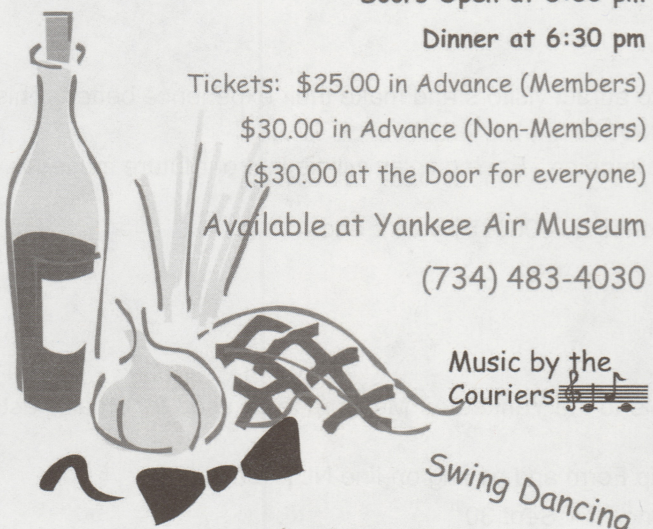

Music by the Couriers

Swing Dancing

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW ! IN THE MUSEUM STORE

THE KIWIS ARE COMING

Why are Arlene and Rod Smith coming to Michigan in July, all the way from New Zealand? Why of course, to work as Yankee Air Museum Garbage Grunts with their mates, 82 year old Dave Mente (aka Super Grunt) and youngest Grunt, Cooper Wagner.

Arlene and Rod worked the show in 2009 and had so much fun they asked if they could come back! **GRUNTS ROCK !**

Have You Worked at Willow Run?

Tom Livesey (January membership meeting speaker) is working on a magazine article on Willow Run, and is looking for people to interview that worked at the airport (airlines, etc) in the 60's 70's or 80's. If you have a story to tell or would just like to talk to Tom about your experiences or know of a story he'd be interested in, here is his contact info:

captnmn@gmail.com
cell phone. 734-223-3974

If you missed Tom's presentation in January and would like to receive a pdf copy of the article (with pictures) on which his presentation was based, send an email to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org with UPS Heavy Metal Driver in the subject line.

In Memory Of...

Howard Weber
January 19, 2011

Col. James B. McLaughlin
January 2011

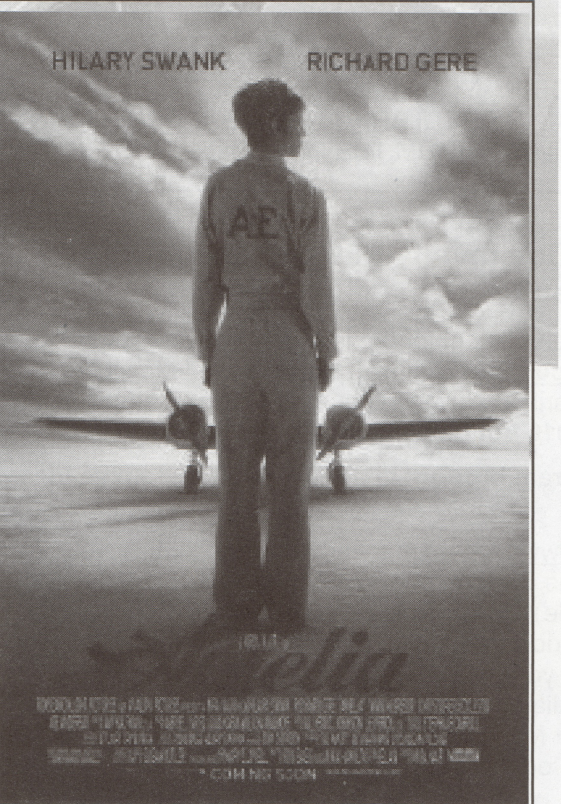
Women's History Month Movie Night In Yankee Air Museum's Collections & Exhibits Building

March 12, 2011

Doors at 6:00 p.m.

Pizza and beverages will be on sale.

In observance of Women's History Month, Yankee Air Museum is proud to present the movie Amelia. This movie is about a Kansas girl who discovers the thrill of aviation at age 23. Within 12 years Amelia has progressed to winning the Distinguished Flying Cross for being the first woman to pilot a plane solo across the Atlantic Ocean. At age 39, she sets out on an attempt to circumnavigate the globe, an adventure that catapults her into aviation myth.



Starring:
Hilary Swank
Richard Gere
Ewan McGregor

Yankee Air Museum

Tickets available at the Gift Shop, by calling 734-483-4030 or email Tracy Frink at: tracy.frink@yankeeairmuseum.org
Or mail the form below with check made payable to:
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Attn: Tracy Frink
P.O. Box 590
Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Women's History Month Movie Night: "Amelia"
on March 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Ticket Price: $5.00 x _____ tickets = $_____
Member Number:_____ **Name of guests:** _____
Non-member Ticket Price: $10.00 x _____ tickets = $_____
Name of guests: _____

Hangar Happenings *FLYER online*

Hangar Happenings *FLYER*, gets you the latest on what's happening at Yankee Air Museum. Several have been sent out already. Go to the Yankee home page and fill in the box as shown below. **Not to worry, the normal Hangar Happenings will be mailed to you as always.**

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Dr. Robert Hott

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www.colonialvet.us

Colonial Veterinary Clinic is again running an ad in every month of 2011 HH. Make sure you call them for the very best in veterinary care for your pet.

Kroger Community Rewards: Have you Re-Upped?

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2010 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. **This may be done anytime after April 1, 2010 but now must be done online.**

This program brought in about $4000 to Yankee in 2009!

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SIGN UP FOR THE KROGER PROGRAM. WE'VE SLIPPED FROM $1000+ PER QUARTER TO LESS THAN $800 FOR THE LAST PERIOD. PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE ! THANK YOU !

Yankee Dog Taggers

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org or Drano at hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

Dog Tag School ($2 fee) will be held after general membership meetings or by appointment. After that you'll want to get in some practice at a Yankee event (Polishing Party, Memorial Day etc) before you consider signing up for an air show trip.

Congratulations to the 2010 Yankee Stars!

The Membership Department would like to thank the 62 Members of the Yankee Air Museum who recruited a new Member(s) in 2010. We would like to recognize and congratulate our top producers.

Lou Farkas

Dave Wright
Gayle Drews
Ray Hunter
Will Sullivan
Dale Miller

Vince Caruso
Tracy Frink
Charles Huntley
Bob Weil

2011 is here. Let's Go!

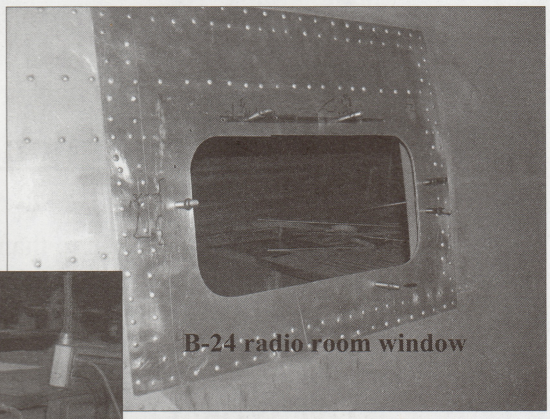
Sign up two new Members of the Yankee Air Museum by July 4 and you will receive ***TWO FREE TICKETS*** to Thunder Over Michigan.
Can find only one new Member? You will receive one free ticket.
AND, ***YOU*** will be a 2011 Yankee Star!

The **Michigan Aviation Historical Society** (**MAHS**) will be holding its **March** meeting in the YAM meeting room. These meetings consist entirely of an aviation related program such as digital slides or video of various aircraft, air museums or air shows. Guest presenters in the past have included former astronaut Jack Lousma, Tuskegee Airmen P-51 pilot Alexander Jefferson and YAF member John A. Clark who flew 32 combat missions as a B-17 copilot during WWII.

Everyone is sincerely invited to attend. Membership in MAHS or YAM is not required. Admission is absolutely free and no reservations are needed. All programs start shortly after 7:00pm and generally run until approximately 10:00pm. Feel free to arrive and depart at any time. Dress is very casual.

Meeting Date	**Saturday, March 19th 7:00pm**
Location	**Yankee Air Museum Meeting Room**
Program	**Civilian Registered "Warbird" Aircraft and Air Tankers / Fire Bombers by Todd Hackbarth**

RESTORATION UPDATE -Russ Banush

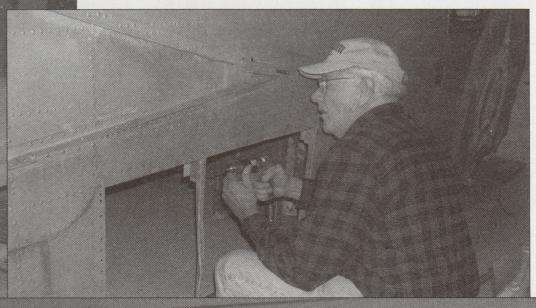


B-24 radio room window

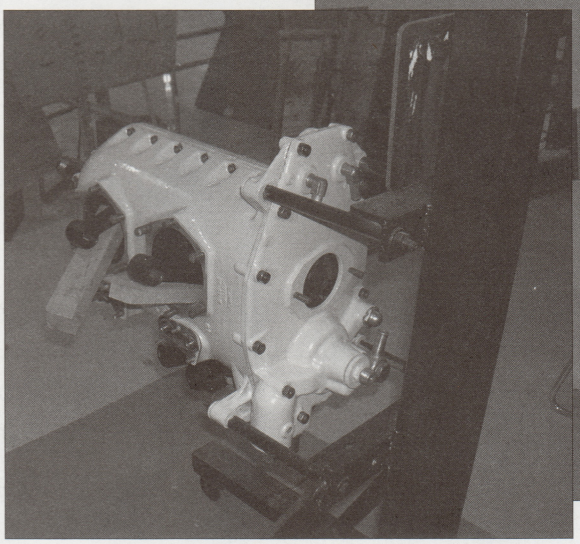
B-24 Project

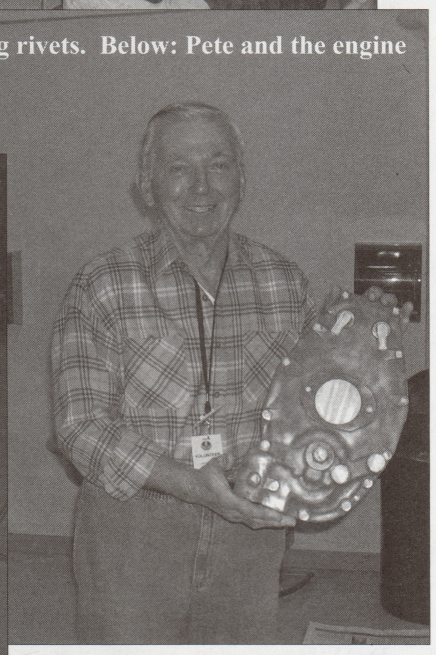
Fuselage work

Serious progress is being made on the fuselage component restoration that will simulate the Ford Willow Run Factory line. The extensive damage to the sections that we have acquired requires a great deal of skills and detail work at all levels. We must replace skin in many areas, and repair or create new structural pieces such as formers and stringers. A major challenge is ensuring the new pieces are as accurate as possible. This is difficult because we do not have the factory drawings as a guide plus the fact that many engineering changes took place as the B-24 was built during the years of World War Two.



Above: Karl bucking rivets. Below: Pete and the engine





It would be quite nice to be able to go to Sears, Home Depot, etc. and find the aluminum stringers or formers! These pieces have to be fabricated from aluminum sheet stock. Patterns are created from wood (usually) to shape some of the pieces. We have to deal with compound curves, and unusual shapes to duplicate what was done with dies specifically made for the mass production of these components.

Ernie Panizzoli's team consisting of Phil Howard, Ralph Koehler, Ben and Theresa Osvath, Russ Banush, Chester Ford, Brandan Momany, Rick Waite, Karl Borneman, T.L. Hart, Ron Huber and Joe Leugers have been the key restorers on the fuselage components.

Ailerons

One of the two ailerons for the B-24 has been cleaned up, repaired and recovered (note: control surfaces such as elevators, rudders and ailerons were fabric covered and doped). A coat of "war time" paint was put on it to prepare it for public display. The other aileron will be displayed without the fabric covering so visitors may see how the part was manufactured. Thank Bill Rodgers (master fabric instructor) and Chris Curran for the great job they did on the finished aileron.

Continental Engine

Pete Morris (also a Yankee Garbage Grunt at the air show) has been hard at work refurbishing the A-50 Continental engine that will become another display feature for the Museum floor. This four cylinder engine that generated 50 HP was used in many light aircraft.

The photos here show various stages of the two projects described.

2011 YANKEE AIR MUSEUM AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

As of January 27, 2011

B-17?			May	13-15	Indianapolis Airshow 2011 BA	—FLEX	Mt. Comfort, IN
			May	25	Veteran's Cemetery Flyby?		Grand Rapids, MI
B-17!			May	27-31	American Airpower Museum Display	—FLEX	Farmingdale, NY
B-17!			May	28-29	New York Airshow at Jones Beach TB		Farmingdale, NY
	B-25!	C-47!	**May**	**30**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House	—FLEX	Willow Run, MI
B-17!			May	31-02	Barnstorm / Static Display (KBDR)	—FLEX	Bridgeport, CT
B-17!			Jun	02	Mid Atlantic Air Museum Display	—FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun	03-05	MAAM WWII Commemorative Weekend	—FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Jun	10-12	Jimmy Stewart Weekend Static Display	—FLEX	Indiana, PA
			Jun	11-12	Evansville, IN Airshow BA		Evansville, IN
B-17?			Jun	14	Flag Day Celebration Static Display	—FLEX	Adrian, MI
B-17?			Jun	17-19	Barnstorm / Static Display (KSBM)	—FLEX	Sheboygan, WI
	B-25?	C-47?	Jun	17-19	Wings Over Gaylord		Gaylord, MI
			Jun	30-04	2011 Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival		Battle Creek, MI
B-17?			Jly	02-03	Forest Festival Weekend Display	—FLEX	Manistee, MI
			Jly	02-03	Muskegon Summer Celebration Airshow BA		Muskegon, MI
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Jly	08-10	U.S. Aviation Museum Airshow (KLNN)	—FLEX	Willoughby, OH
B-17?			Jly	15-18	Wings of the North Air Expo (KFCM)	—FLEX	Eden Prairie, MN
			Jly	16-17	Rochester, NY Airshow BA		Rochester, NY
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly	23-24	YAM "Thunder Over Michigan" BA	—FLEX	Willow Run, MI
			Jly	25-31	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2011		Oshkosh, WI
B-17?	B-25?	C-47?	Aug	19-21	Selfridge ANGB Open House / Airshow		Mt. Clemens, MI
			Aug	20-21	Wings Over Alpena Airshow		Alpena. MI
B-17?		C-47?	Aug	28	Pontiac Airport Open House (KPTK)	—FLEX	Waterford, MI
B-17?			Sep	02-04	Auburn-Cord-Dusenburg Festival (KC62)	—FLEX	Kendallville. IN
		C-47?	Sep	02-05	Cleveland National Airshow BA		Cleveland, OH
	B-25?		Sep	10	490th BG Reunion (B-17s) (KTVC)	—FLEX	Traverse City, MI
			Sep	10-11	Mid Eastern Regional Fly-In (MERFI)		Urbana, OH
			Sep	10-11	Wings Over Pittsburgh Airshow		Pittsburgh, PA
			Sep	10-11	Windsor International Airshow		Windsor, Ontario
		C-47?	Sep	23-25	Lee Bottom Fly-In Member Trip (K641)		Madison, IN

! = YAM Participation Confirmed ? = YAM Participation **not** Confirmed — Awaiting Signed Contract
FLEX = "Flight Experiences" (rides) to be Sold in YAF B-17 and/or B-25
BA = U.S. Navy Blue Angels TB = USAF Thunderbirds

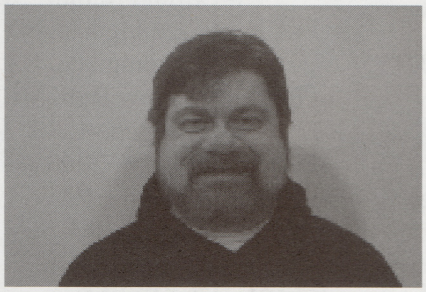
To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement, of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available, depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everybody can go at the same time.

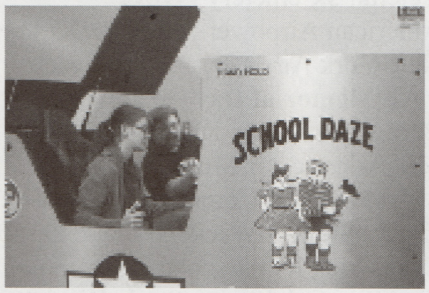
The ***2011 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** form is available in the YAM HQ lunch room and on the Yankee Photo Gallery (see pg 12) with HH pictures. Completed request forms may be turned into the lunch room at the HQ bldg, or mailed to the Museum Attn: Gift Shop - Air Show Crew. Please do not request an airshow that has yet to be confirmed (! = confirmed) as indicated in the latest schedule above or online.

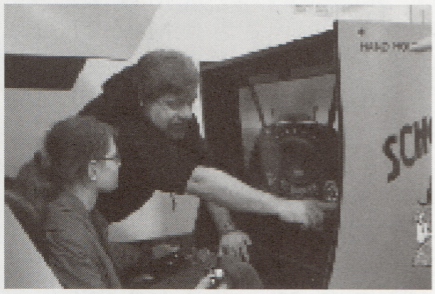
Check the website for the most recent information. Updated versions of this schedule and the C-47 Excursion Schedule will be posted on the website. Neither the airshow or C-47 Schedule may be printed in every issue of HH. Save this page if you don't have web access, or call Bobbie Farkas (734) 546-8002 24/7 or (734) 483-4030 for C-47 Excursion information.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION

Our museum cannot function without volunteers. We need volunteers to answer phones, man the gift shop, serve as tour guides, educate kids, create displays and staff events. Get involved; even if you can only contribute one, or two, days a month.







MICK SMITH is very knowledgeable about World War II, the Cold War and aircraft. He enjoyed watching Twelve O'clock High and loves P-51 Mustangs. Mick is always on the lookout for family-friendly events that he can take his daughter Rachel to. Mick and Rachel remember Hangar 1 and the devastating fire. They are big fans of the Blue Angels and have attended several YAM events in the past. Mick and Rachel found out about the volunteer program during Memorial Day. A brochure reminded them about volunteering during THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN. Attending an orientation session convinced Mick to volunteer. Mick decided to be a Flight Simulator Operator because of his computer background. He enjoys meeting people and appreciates Rachel being able to accompany him while he volunteers. Rachel likes to help out in the Education Department.

ATTEND ONE OF OUR ORIENTATION SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.

SESSION #1
9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

SESSION #2
1:00 P.M., TUSEDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

SESSION #3
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

SESSION #4
9:30 A.M., SATURDAY. MARCH 19, 2011

Orientation sessions are held in our new building located at 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport. Bring along a friend, family member or anyone you think might be interested. Email us if you have questions or need additional information.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. AT volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org AND LET US KNOW WHICH ORIENTATION SESSION YOU WILL ATTEND.

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Hope to see you at the orientation,
The Volunteer Committee

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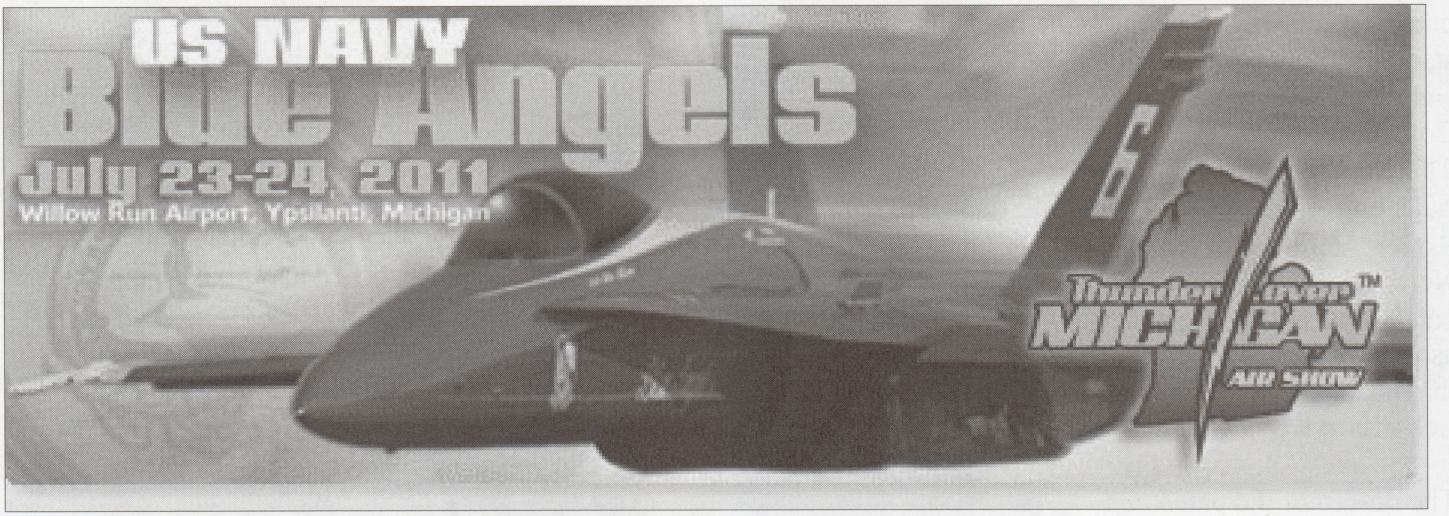

Yankee Air Museum's 2011 THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN Air Show has the privilege and distinction of being selected as a Tier 1 Centennial of Naval Aviation Event. While there were hundreds of applications submitted to become a Tier 1 event, only 32 locations were chosen. These national events were selected by the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to coordinate and focus joint resources in supporting their Centennial Commemoration.

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN is the only Tier 1 Centennial event in the states of Michigan and Ohio.

Volunteers Needed for the Show

If you volunteered last year for a specific department and wish to do so again, you should contact your department head regarding this year. If you are a new volunteer or member, contact your department head or volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org for where you might fit in.

Here are some other possibilities. Contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

A-Team: (admissions) one of the most important groups at the air show, they take money and tickets at the gate and make sure patrons get into the airfield as expeditiously as possible. You'll work in two person teams. Be prepared to stay on your feet for a couple hours at a time, 4 hr shifts, but we try to have enough folks to "cycle" people out so you can get short breaks. A-Team will be operating 24 stations this year, so more than 100 people are needed each day.

Garbage Grunts & Cardboard CREW: Grunts & CREW are the mortal enemies of FOD (foreign objects & debris). Ask any Grunt or CREW member, they'll tell you it is the best job at the air show. Grunts roam the ramp, keeping it clean and tidy. Grunts & CREW are also very accessible to the crowd and often act as an information resource for attendees.

The Grunts & CREW run a great recycling program, for cardboard and also reclaim deposit cans/bottles and water bottles using the Binford 6000 sorter. They are so efficient that the trash expenses for TOM 2010 (including Grunt shirts, lunches, truck rental, HQ tent, etc.) was only 0.371% of the air show expense budget. Nobody does it better.

GRUNT MOTTO: WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS TO LEAVE, WE GET TO STAY!

T-shirt Deadline is April 2nd, so make sure you volunteer before then to get a TOM 2011 shirt

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday June 25th 1pm, Volunteer Mass Meeting

Final briefing for what to expect from air show coordinators **Kevin Walsh** and **Mike Luther**. Be there to make sure you have the latest information on the airshow. T-Shirts and wrist bands will be handed out. Check with your department head for your options if you absolutely cannot be there.

Centennial Patch Unveiled

online story by Centennial of Naval Aviation Staff

The official patch of the Centennial of Naval Aviation was recently selected from a field of 38 entries. The patch, which will be worn on the right shoulder of the standard flight suit, was designed by Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21's Maintenance and Material Control Officer LT Ian Espich, stationed at NAS North Island. LT Espich's patch best portrayed all the aspects of Naval Aviation that make up the 100 years of rich history.

The design of the patch captures a number of meanings.

The gold braid surrounding the logo represents the 236 years of seafaring tradition of the United States Sea services, with the founding of the Continental Navy on 13 October 1775, the formation of the Continental Marines a month later at Tun Tavern on 10 November 1775, and the founding of what would become the Coast Guard on 4 August 1790. The gold color was chosen as it is one of the Navy's (and Marines) two colors. The Blue outer circumference denotes the Navy's other primary color, blue. This particular shade is the same as that carried on WWII Navy and Marine Corps aircraft.

The light blue inner circle — horizon and water represent sea and sky, the two mediums that we treasure as maritime aviators. Note the wake in the water, which is a retrospective look at where we have been in Naval Aviation.

The Golden wings represent the human aspect of Naval Aviation. We are the men and women of Naval Aviation, men and women who have all worked hard to earn our wings. We wear these wings with the great pride they deserve. The Naval Aviation Pilot wings were selected because they were the original naval aviation wings.

The A-1 Triad and **F-35 Lightning II** represent the old and new of Naval Aviation. The first and most recent aircraft purchased by the Sea Services.

The clouds in the sky symbolize that not everything in our profession is easy. What we do is hard and often times dangerous, and this represents those shared hardships."

"The Centennial of Naval Aviation patch is approved for official wear on all Navy flight suits."

Editor'snote: see the patch in color in the Yankee Photo Gallery

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Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/

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2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

All flights scheduled out of **Grosse Ile** unless hangar space becomes available at Willow Run

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A minimum of ten passengers needed to confirm a flight.
Seats must be purchased a minimum of two weeks prior to flight. Unless otherwise indicated, listed amounts are for flights only and do not include ground transportation or other incidental expenses. Dates and prices are subject to change. Destination additions or subtractions are possible as circumstances dictate. Cancellations, other than by Yankee Air Museum, from one to four weeks prior to flight will incur a $50.00 processing fee. Cancellations less than one week prior to flight will not receive a refund.
FOR RESERVATIONS or any questions:
Call **Bobbie Farkas (734) 546-8002** 24/7
or **complete the above Registration Form,** or E-mail
c47flights@yankeeairmuseum.org

One form per trip, per person please!
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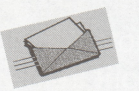

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Wednesday	June 1	Air Zoo of Kalamazoo, MI (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$120.00
Wednesday	June 15	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Wednesday	July 6	Three Museums at DeKalb County Airport, Auburn, IN**	$140.00
Wednesday	July 13	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
M -T- W	July 25-26-27	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00*
Thursday	July 28	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00
Saturday	July 30	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00
Tuesday	August 9	Mackinac Island	$280.00
Wednesday	August 10	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Friday	August 12	National Museum of the USAF (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$225.00
Tuesday	August 23	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, OH USS Cod submarine, Great Lakes freighter tour, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, IWASM (In'tl Women's Aviation & Space Museum)	$130.00
Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)#	$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Taildragger Fly-in)	$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002
** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Museum
*** Includes $35 Airshow Admission Fee
# Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar

+ www.yankeeairmuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination

Need a Yankee Speaker?

If your organization would like someone from Yankee to give a presentation, contact Bob Hynes. The Yankee Speakers Bureau can provide speakers from the Yankee ranks to talk about the Willow Run Story and the future of Yankee Air Museum. Contact **bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org** or call (734) 483-4030 ext 242

Yankee Air Museum Calendar 2012

Volunteers are needed to serve on the calendar committee for the Yankee 2012 Calendar. If interested contact volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org or Steve Hopper at retail@yankeeairmuseum.org

Photographers are also being solicited to submit pictures to put in the calendar. Please submit your best pictures in 8 x 10 color print (limit 6, final photos must be digital) of Yankee aircraft or events for consideration. A signed release form will be required.

Ad space in HH

If your business would be interested in purchasing ad space in **Hangar Happenings**, please contact **Dave Steiner** via email at hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org or call the Museum (734) 483-4030 ext 247, and leave a message for him to call you.

HH is mailed all around the world, so your message will reach the far corners of the globe. Most YAM members are in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, so you will also be reaching a local base and helping out the Museum.

These ads help offset the printing and mailing costs for HH.

Tax Planning and Planned Giving to Yankee Air Museum

If you are interested in planned or estate/trust/IRA giving to Yankee Air Museum, it is now possible to do this through Morgan Stanley.

Contact Yankee Vice Chair **Tom Matz**; call him at (734) 483-4030 ext 239 and leave a message or via email at matzsm@aol.com, Automatic electronic transfer can be set up for continuous giving as well.

Make Yankee Air Museum part of your legacy.

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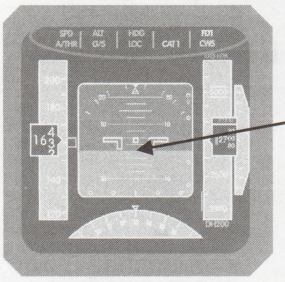
IRA Distribution

If you are 70.5 years or older, recently reinstated legislation makes it possible for you to make an individual retirement account (IRA) charitable rollover distribution to a 501c3 nonprofit such as Yankee Air Museum and have it excluded from your federal taxable income. Distributions of up to $100,000 to YAM in 2010 or 2011 by folks 70.5 years or older from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs are excluded from gross income and count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

Otherwise, these required distributions are taxable as income. So if you don't need some or all of the money, why not donate it to YAM instead of paying taxes!



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MARCH

Tuesday 1st — **Fundraiser dinner at Aubrees in Depot Town Ypsilanti** - 20% of your tab donated to YAM, 4-8 pm, see next page to for flyer needed

Wednesday 2nd — **General membership Meeting** - An American Family; the story of a B-17 bomber pilot's family in WWII

Saturday 12th — **Movie Night - *Amelia*,** with a special presentation about this famous American Aviatrix.

Saturday 19th — **Michigan Aviation Historical Society (MAHS)** - program about civilian registered warbirds and aerial tanker/fire bombers. 7 pm. **FREE** program **ALL** invited. See details on page 7.

APRIL

Wednesday 6th — **General Membership Meeting** - Jerry Towler, Chickenhawk's stick buddy, the story of the Huey in Vietnam

Saturday 9th — **Polishing Party - Grosse Ile**, come out and help polish the AC in preparation for the flying season. **PUBLIC WELCOME!**

Saturday 9th — **Movie night– TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH**, with special guest General Savage addressing attendees as only he can

Saturday 30th — **EMU Alpha Eta Rho Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast,** 8-noon, west side of YIP, Eagle Flight Center. Support these young aviators.

Saturday 30th — **Yankee Air Museum Italian Bistro** - in the High Bay of Yankee Collections and Exhibits Building, 6-10pm. Advance discount tickets on sale now in the Museum store. Details page 4.

MAY

Saturday 21st — **Vietnam Veterans fundraiser for Huey display at YAM C & E Bldg SAVE THE DATE.**

Monday 30th — **Memorial Day Commemorations and Events -** Yankee Collections and Exhibits Building. Pancake Breakfast, 2K fun walk, 5K and 10K runs

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March General Membership Meeting

The March 2nd general membership meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm at the **NEW Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Building** on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Program is story of a B-17 pilot's family in WWII

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